



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



January 1997

Location	Date	Time	Path	Path	Number of		Estimated		Character of Storm
		Local/ Standard	Length (Miles)	Width (Yards)	Killed	Injured	Property	Damage Crops	

NEW MEXICO, Southeast

NMZ027>029

Guadalupe Mountains Of Eddy County - Eddy County Plains - Lea

06 0600MST
08 1500MST

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Heavy Snow

An upper level storm system that parked itself over Baja California sent waves of energy that helped to produce heavy periods of snow over a three day period. Several places in Eddy County received heavy snow (see below) with Hobbs leading the way in Lea County with 5". Numerous traffic accidents were reported during the three days. Heavy snows also extended into adjacent counties in New Mexico and West Texas.

Heaviest snows included :

Hope 12"
Artesia 7"
Carlsbad 5"
Hobbs 5"

TEXAS, West

TXZ045>046-050-060

Gaines - Dawson - Andrews - Winkler

06 0600CST
09 0400CST

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Heavy Snow

A snowstorm that sputtered much of its three day life eventually dumped heavy snow in a band from Kermit, through Andrews, and to Lamesa. Numerous traffic accidents were reported during the three days in these counties and surrounding counties with lesser amounts of snow. There were four fatal accidents during the inclement weather--each with one fatality. Three of the deaths were on the 7th and one on the 8th. The deaths will not be recorded in the statistics, since the weather was only considered partly to blame.

The culprit of the snow was an upper level storm system that parked itself over Baja California. The heaviest snow fell on the evening of the 7th, after frustrating forecasters for two days with lack of snowfall. Adjacent areas of New Mexico had heavy snows as well.

Heaviest Snows :

Andrews 7.5"
Lamesa 6.0"
Seminole 5.5"